(b) In its draft report on 'National Strategy for Manufacturing'. The National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council has recommended a separate law for small enterprises and made several observations on provision of credit to the SSI.

(c) and (d) To facilitate flow of credit to the SSI units, the Government and the RBI have taken various measures which, *inter alia* include enhancement in composite loan limit from Rs. 50 lakh to Rs. 1 crore, raising of project cost limit under National Equity Fund (NEF) scheme from Rs. 25 lakh to Rs. 50 lakh, enhancement of eligible loan limit under

-Credit Guarantee Scheme from Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 25 lakh, providing collaterial free loan upto Rs. 25 lakh to SSI units having good track record, setting up of Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) fund of Rs. 10,000 crore under Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), enhancement of credit limit under Laghu Udhyami Credit Card (LUCC) from Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 10 lakh based on satisfactory track record, etc.

Further, the Government has announced a 'Policy Package for Stepping up Credit to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)' on 10th August 2005. The measures in the Policy Package to increase the quantum of credit to SMEs (including SSIs) include: (i) public sector banks to fix their own targets for funding SMEs in order to achieve a minimum 20 per cent year-on-year growth in credit to the SME sector, (ii) public sector banks to follow a transparent rating system with cost of credit linked to the credit rating of the enterprises, (iii) commercial banks to make concerted efforts to provide credit cover on an average to at least 5 new tiny, small and medium enterprises at each of their semi-urban/ urban branches per year, (iv) special dispensation under the Credit Guarantee Scheme for all (a) loans upto Rs. 2 lakh, (b) eligible women entrepreneurs and (c) eligible borrowers located in the North Eastern region (including Sikkim) and Jammu and Kashmir, (v) adoption of cluster-based approach by banks for SME financing.

SSI units in North-Eastern Region

2564. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Small Scale Industries that have been set up in the country particularly in the North-Eastern Region during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the number of Small Scale Industries proposed to be set up in the country during the year 2005-06, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Based on the information received from the Directorates of Industries of the States/Union Territories the number of small Scale Industries registered in the country, including North-Eastern region, during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 is given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(b) Small scale industries are set up by private entrepreneurs themselves. Central Government does not set any target for setting up these industries in the country.

Statement

The State-wise distribution of Small Scale Industries registered during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05

SI. No.	Name of the State/ Union Territory	Number of small scale industries set up		
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	888	757	861
2.	Himachal Pradesh	648	621	641
3.	Punjab	753	464	765
4.	Chandigarh	38	21	30
5.	Uttaranchal	357	860	2931
6.	Haryana	279	286	305
7.	Delhi	31	44	83
8.	Rajasthan	2635	2970	4498
9.	Uttar Pradesh	10880	17076	21473
10.	Bihar	3685	943	2342
11.	Sikkim	11	14	19
12.	Arunachal Pradesh	44	36	41
13.	Nagaland	362	476	468
14.	Manipur	75	119	79
15.	Mizoram	250	220	280
16.	Tripura	36	27	16

1	2	3	4	5
17.	Meghalaya	268	323	283
18.	Assam	1577	1351	1651
19.	West Bengal	1137	765	718
20.	Jharkhand	553	553	1188
21.	Orissa	795	632	1042
22.	Chhattisgarh	1569	439	953
23.	Madhya Pradesh	2915	11685	10337
24.	Gujarat	8213	5196	10708
25.	Daman & Diu	200	55	38
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	306	56	65
27.	Maharashtra	5205	2389	3948
28.	Andhra Pradesh	1348	1156	1568
29.	Karnataka	6779	6972	6180
30.	Goa	231	133	108
31.	Lakshadweep	10	8	12
32.	Kerala	12128	3924	4438
33.	Tamil Nadu	28484	25176	24801
34.	Pondicherry	239	176	132
35.	Andaman & Nicobar	107	57	104

Closure of SSI units

2565. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the major factors responsible for closure of small scale industrial units in different parts of the country;

(b) the number of labourers rendered jobless due to its closure, category-wise along with steps taken to provide employment to these workers and technicians;

(c) whether Government are aware that small scale industrialists are facing infrastructural/technical problems like Sales Tax, Income Tax, Electricity Boards, and State financial institutions; and